tie from his place in the Council, in regard to funds left some years since by a stranger who died in this city, without heirs, and they find that about ten years ago a party calling himself James Young, and stating that he was from Philadelphia, arrived in this city, and was employed upon the Drill Shed, where he died from an accident; that he left $510 in greenbacks and $7 in Canada money, which, no claimant appearing, was disposed of by Mr. Hughes, then chairman of the Hospital and Relief Committee, who interested himself in the case, the greenbacks being converted at 40c. on the dollar, the then market rate realizing with the Canada money $211, which amount was disposed of under the direction of Mr. Hughes, in paying funeral expenses, advertising for friends in the United States and Canada, and for a monument, and the balance, about $100, was distributed to the poor of the city generally. The Council are aware that in six similar cases now occuring, the funds are required to be paid into the city treasury, t [illegible] dealt with as directed by the Council.

5th. Your Committee have to delay a report upon the funds received from the weigh scales, in consequence of the necessary statements and books not having been furnished, owing to the illness of the weigh scales clerk.

The report was received and adopted without discussion.

FIRE, WATER AND GAS.

Ald. McBride, Chairman, submitted the report.

The report was received and adopted.

MARKETS.

Ald. Moffat, Chairman, submitted the following report from this Committee:—

The Market Committee beg leave to report that they have considered the resolutions referred to them by the Council with reference to the disposal of the market tolls for the year 1874.

Your Committee recommend the Council to dispose of the tolls by auction to the highest bidder, taking the usual security with payments monthly in advance. Such sale to take place in the City Hall on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the hour of two o'clock p.m., and that the chairman of the Committee advertise the sale in the three city papers up to the day of sale.

Your Committee also took into consideration the suggestion made to them regarding the weigh-scales, and I have to report a majority of those present in favor of the present system and opposed to a sale of the fees as suggested.

The second clause was then referred back to the committee, amidst some confusion, and the time extended ten minutes.

RETURNING OFFICERS.

The by-law appointing the following gentlemen as returning officers at the ensuing municipal elections, with polling places as follows:—

NO. 1 WARD.

Mr. Robert Gunn—City Hall.

NO. 2. WARD.

Mr. Wm. McBride—Mechanics' Institute.

NO. 3 WARD.

Mr. Arthur Wallace—McPhail's office, King street.

NO. 4 WARD.

Mr. C. S. Corrigan—At James Percival's house, North street.

NO. 5 WARD.

Mr. William Yates—At small school house on Colborne street.

NO. 6 WARD.

Mr. Alex. Gunn—Bond street school house.

NO. 7 WARD.

Mr. R. Dinahan, Mr. W. Mills' house on Sydenham street.

The by-law was read three times and passed.

The Chief Engineer's letter was referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, to report at next meeting.

The Board at 11.10 adjourned for one week.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council Chamber, Dec. 22, 1873

The Board of Aldermen met last night at the usual hour, His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and present, Aldermen Cousins, McDonald, Moffat, McBride, Smyth, Beattie, Starr, Leonard, Murray, Rapley, Shaw, Graydon, Cronyn, Egan, Partridge, Partridge, jun., Williams, Christie, Brown.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED.

From Mr. Charles Hutchinson, offering 40 acres of land in Kensington, upon which to erect exhibition buildings, if the Board deemed it expedient. Refered to Exhibition Committee.

From Messrs. Polk & Murphy, publishers of the London Directory, soliciting orders for the same. Refered to Finance Committee.

From Miss E. Dunn, claiming damages on account of an overflow of water on her property. Refered to Board of Works.

From Mr. John Riddell, Secretary G. W. R. Employees' Assembly, asking the use of the City Hall on the evening of 15th Jan., 1874. Granted on payment of current expences.

From Mr. John McAuley, asking remission of statute labor tax. Referred to Court of Revision.

From the ladies who were instrumental in procuring a library for the City Hospital, asking the Board of Aldermen to accept the same. Fyled, and ordered to be acknowledged.

From Miss Annie De Montford, inviting the Board of Aldermen to visit her entertainment on Thursday evening next.

FIRE, WATER AND GAS.

Ald. McBride, chairman, reported verbally that owing to the press of business, he had not had time to make a report. The department was working well, and with the "exception" of the "jar," all was going on smoothly.

The report was adopted.

MARKET.

Ald. Moffat, chairman, submitted the following report:—

The Market Committee beg leave to report that in accordance with the resolution of the Council at its last meeting, to reconsider the question of the weigh scales, your Committee came to the conclusion to recommend the Council to dispose of the weigh scales for the year 1874 by auction, to the highest bidder, taking a bond for the due performance of the duties connected therewith, such sale to take place this day week and advertised till then in the three city papers, the Market Committee through their Chairman, to arrange the necessary details, with the aid of the City Solicitor.

I have also to report the sale of the fees and tolls of the Market this day to Mr. Morris Wilson, for the sum of $5,900, being $529 more than the present year.

On a division, the report was received and ordered to be read clause by clause, by a vote of 9 for and 7 against.

Ald. McDonald moved, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the first clause be struck out.

Ald. Christie was not prepared to vote upon this clause to-night, and moved in amendment therto, seconded by Ald. Graydon, that the clause lay over until the Finance Committee report upon the weigh-scale irregularities.

The amendment was lost by a vote of 10 to 9.

The original motion was then lost on the following division:—

Yeas—McDonald, Cousins, Smyth, Beattie, Leonard, Murray, Graydon, Rapley, Shaw, Egan, Partridge, sen., Partridge, jun.

Nays—Moffat, McBride, Starr, Brown, Christie, Williams, Cronyn.

LICENSE.

Ald. Brown, chairman, submitted the following report:—

The Minority Report of the License Committee, the Chairman only being present. In pursuance of the resolution of this Council passed on the 1st inst., I as Chairman of said committee, beg to report as follows:—